

Packers Still Rule

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MIAMI, Fla.—The climax chapter of pro football's success story of 1967 didn't carry over to the new year; Oakland's dream of a world championship is just a bad dream today.

The Green Bay Packers, protecting their image of invincibility in the clutch games, made a runaway of the second Super Bowl.

Wisconsin's experienced executioners turned Oakland secondary coverage mistakes and a stolen pass into touchdowns and kicked four field goals to overwhelm the young champions of the American Football League, 33-14.

It was evident early to the 75,546 fans in the Orange Bowl and 50 million television viewers across the country that the Raiders, riding an 11-game win streak, had no date with destiny this day.

The Packers made them pay the price.

Despite Green Bay's 33 points, it was Oakland's offense, not its defense, which was made to look inferior.

The Raiders sputtered early, fell behind 16-7 at the half and didn't have the ball enough in the third quarter when the Packers, running off 27 plays to Oakland's nine, put the game out of reach.

The coolness of Bart Starr stood out like a beacon.

The veteran quarterback found Oakland vulnerable to the weak-side sweep and quick passes over the middle. He sent the bull-rushing Ben Wilson to the outside for valuable yardage and hit tight end Mary Fleming down the heart of the field for consistent gainers.

Then he threw the deep slants to catch the Raiders in confused coverage.

A 62-yard first down pass to Boyd Dowler produced the game's first touchdown and a 35-yarder on third-and-one to Max McGee set up Donnie Anderson's two-yard plunge for another to make it 23-7.

A 60-yard runback of a pass

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interception by Herb Adderley and Don Chandler field goals from 39, 20, 43 and 21 yards out helped make it a rout.

Lamonica, off-target at the start, found the range behind stellar protection from his offensive line to twice throw 23-yard touchdown passes to Bill Miller.

Take away the two passes to Dowler and McGee and Oakland's defense did a job on the 11-time NFL champions under pressure of playing more time than the offense.

The Packers went ahead 3-0 at 9:53 of the first quarter after their initial drive was contained at the Oakland 39 and

Chandler kicked a field goal.

They made it 6-0 early in the next period with a ball-control march of 11 plays punctuated by Wilson's short runs and a busted-play gain of 15 by Starr, who scrambled away from a jolt by Ben Davidson to find daylight.

But Bart is human, too, and after he directed his side to the Oakland 13, he was thrown for an 11-yard loss by Ike Lassiter, Dan Birdwell and Tom Keating. Chandler bailed Green Bay out with his 20 yard three-pointer.

Then Starr play-faked to Travis Williams and drew in Kent McCoughan and Howie Williams, who mis-read their coverage. Dowler was left uncovered downfield and Bart hit him at the Oakland 40.

It was simple for the rangy receiver to outrace Dan Conners and Rodger Bird for a touchdown, making it 13-0.

The Raiders struck back, going 79 yards in nine plays.

Pete Banaszak and Hewritt Dixon ran inside for consistent gains and Lamonica threw three completions.

Daryle went to Miller for 16,

Banaszak for 15 and then looped a pass over linebacker Dave Robinson to Miller at the six. Bill beat Adderley to the corner of the end zone, brushing the flag as he scored.

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The Raiders then blew an opportunity. A 12-yard run-back by Bird put them at the Green Bay 40 but three plays gained just one yard and George Blanda was short with a 47-yard field goal attempt.

Oakland's defense again held firm, forcing Anderson to punt but Bird fumbled a fair catch and Dick Capp recovered for the Packers at the Raider 45 with 23 seconds left in the half.

It was time enough for Starr to get his club into range for Chandler's toe. A third-down, nine-yard pass to Dowler did it with the placekicker splitting the uprights with one second to spare.

Conceivably, the Raiders could have been down just three points, rather than nine.

The Packers, noted for playing straight football, were in position to gamble and Starr did just that with his slant to McGee for 34-yards to the Oakland 25. Then he threw an out to Carroll Dale for 11 and a swing to Anderson for 12.

Anderson powered inside

Wilson's block on Connors from the two for the touch-down.

The Packers ballooned their lead to 26-7 with two seconds left in the third period after the Raiders again stopped an 11-play drive.

Chandler kicked his last field goal from the 31. It was a line drive shot that hit the crossbar and bounced over. The breaks weren't going to Oakland.

Early in the last quarter, Adderley gambled and came up in front of Biletnikoff to steal a hook pass and race 60 yards behind blocks by Henry Jordan on Wayne Hawkins and Ron Kostelnik on Gene Upshaw for a touchdown.

It was reminiscent of Willie Wood's theft which broke the back of the Kansas City Chiefs in last year's 35-10 Super Bowl mismatch. Only Adderley's score was icing on a victory cake already baked.

After Dixon gained 10 on two carries, Lamonica put the Raiders on the scoreboard with a 41-yard pass to Banaszak and his second 23-yarder to Miller.

The scoring throw was caught under the crossbar after Miller, a Miami hero of the past, weaved Adderly out of position. Even Herb isn't infallible.

The Raiders came surprisingly close to matching the Packers in statistics. They gained 105 yards rushing and 186 passing to Green Bay's 163 running and 162 throwing for a 291 yard total offense to the winners' 325.

But they couldn't duplicate the NFL champs in turnovers. The Packers recovered two fumbles and intercepted one big pass. Uncharacteristic of the AFL kings of '67, they failed to get a defensive turnover.

"You had a great year," a friend told Daryle in the dressing room.

"Yah," he answered slowly, "but I blew the big one."

Super Bowl Statistics

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FIRST QUARTER

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0 3 Chandler, 39-yard field goal (9:35 left).

SECOND QUARTER

0 6 Chandler, 20 yard field goal (12:52 left).

0 13 Dowler, 62-yard pass from Starr (10:50 left). Chandler kick. Drive covered 63 yards in one play.

7 13 Miller, 23-yard pass from Lamonica (6:15 left). Blanda kick. Drive covered 78 yards in nine plays.

7 16 Chandler, 43-yard field goal (0:01 left).

THIRD QUARTER

7 23 Anderson, 2-yard run (5:54 left). Chandler kick. Drive covered 89 yards in 11 plays.

7 26 Chandler, 31-yard field goal (0:02 left).

FOURTH QUARTER

7 33 Adderley, 60-yard pass interception runback (11:03 left). Chandler kick.

14 33 Miller, 23-yard pass from Lamonica (9:13 left). Drive covered 74 yards in four plays.

Scoring by quarters:

Raiders	0	7	0	7	—14
Packers	3	13	10	7	—33

Attendance: 75,546.

TEAM STATISTICS

Raiders	Packers
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Total first downs	16	19
First downs rushing	5	11
First down passing	10	7
First downs by penalty	1	1
Yards gained rushing	105	163
Yards gained passing	186	162
Total yards gained	291	325
Gross yards gained passing ..	208	202
Times thrown and yards lost attempting to pass	3-22	4-40
Passes attempted	34	24
Passes completed	15	13
Interceptions, number-yards ..	0-0	1-60
Number and total yardage of punts	6-264	6-234
Average distance of punts....	44.0	39.0
Number and total yards punts returned	3-12	3-35
Number and total yards kickoffs returned	7-127	3-49
Penalties, number-yards	4-31	1-12
Fumbles - lost	3-2	0-0
Number of rushing plays	20	41
Total offensive plays (inc. times thrown passing)	57	69

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Yds.

Raiders	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Lost	TD
Dixon	12	52	4.3	14	4	0
Todd	2	37	18.5	32	0	0
Banaszak ..	6	16	2.7	5	0	0
Totals ...	20	105	5.2	32	4	0

Yds.

Packers	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Lost	TD
Wilson	17	65	3.8	13	2	0
Anderson ..	14	48	3.4	8	2	1
Williams ..	8	36	4.5	18	0	0
Starr	1	14	14.0	0	0	0
Mercein ...	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals ...	41	163	4.0	18	4	1

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

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Raiders	Att.	Cp.	Yds.	Lg.	Td	Int.	Att.
Lamonica	34	15	208	41	2	1	3-22
Totals	34	15	208	41	2	1	3-22

Yd. L

Packers	Att.	Cp.	Yds.	Lg.	Td	Int.	Att.
Starr	24	13	202	62	1	0	3-30
Bratkowski ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-10
Totals	24	13	202	61	1	0	40

PASS RECEIVING

Raiders	No.	Yds.	Long	TD
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Miller	5	84	23	2
Biletnikoff	2	10	6	0
Banaszak	4	69	41	0
Cannon	2	25	15	0
Dixon	1	3	3	0
Wells	1	17	17	0

Packers	No.	Yds.	Long	TD
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Dale	4	43	17	0
Fleming	4	35	11	0
Anderson	2	18	12	0
Dowler	2	71	62	1
McGee	1	35	35	0